Allocation of captive mines to steel plants

241. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel plants in the country, both public and private, are allotted captive iron ore mines for their use;

(b) if so, the details of the mines allotted to each of the steel plants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain steel plants export excess iron ore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and whether Government has any control over such details; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Iron ore mines have been allotted to steel plants in the country. The details are as given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of the company	State	Total No of mines
1.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	5
2.	Jayswal NECO Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	1
3.	Sarda Energy and Minerals Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	1
4.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	Jharkhand	12
5.	Tata Iron and Steel Company	Jharkhand	1
6.	Usha Martin Ltd.	Jharkhand	1
7.	Visvesaraya Iron and Steel Co.	Karnataka	1
8.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	Karnataka	2
9.	Jayaswal Neco Ltd.	Maharashtra	1
10.	Lloyds Metals and Engg. Ltd.	Maharashtra	1
11.	Tata Iron and Steel co.	Orissa	3
12.	MID East Integrated Steel Ltd.	Orissa	1
13.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	Orissa	2
14.	Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	Orissa	1

(c) and (d) As per the provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 (MCDR) each mines is required to forward to the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBN) a return indicating the sales/ despatches effected for domestic consumption and exports. As per information regarding despatches for export of iron ore reported to the IBM in the returns filed under MCDR, the details of export of iron ore by steel plants are given below:-

(Qty. in thousand tones)

State	District	Name of Mine	Name of Lessee/ owner	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Provisional)
Jharkhand	Singhbhum West	Noamundi	Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.	40	—	—
Orissa	Sundergarh	Tantra, Raikel and Bandhal	Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	1531	1438	810
Total				1571	1438	810

Grant of prospecting license to Arcelor Mittal

242. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received recommendations, seeking prior approval for grant of another Prospecting License (PL) over an area of 1087.75 Ha in Karampada RF, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand, in favour of Arcelor Mittal;

(b) if so, what are the names of the deposit and its coordinates with respect to geological and mineable reserves;

(c) the names of other applicants for this area/deposit; and

(d) the reasons for recommending this area in favour of Arcelor Mittal, when other applicants were equally competent and deserving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommended area of 1087.75 hectares proposed to be prospected by M/s Arcelor Mittal to determine the geological and mineable reserves falls in Karampada Reserved Forest Toposheet No. 73F/8 bounded by Longitudes 85° 16'34"- 85°19'52" and Latitudes 22° 07'15" – 22° 10'00".

(c) The names of other applicants for the area are shown in the Statement (*See* below)

(d) The State Government has recommended M/s Arcelor Mittal India Ltd. for grant of PL on the ground that the company has signed an MoU with the State Government of Jharkhand for commissioning 12 Million Tonne Per Annum capacity Integrated Steel Plant in two phases alongwith Captive Power Plant, Township and Water Supply Infrastructure in the State with an investment of Rs. 40,000 crore.